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§7–102.

- (a) A gas company incorporated in Maryland may:
 - (1) manufacture artificial gas;
 - (2) sell or furnish any quantity of natural gas or artificial gas that may be required in any municipal corporation or county of the State;
 - (3) lay pipe under the roadways or other public ways of any county or municipal corporation of the State to transmit natural gas or artificial gas; and
 - (4) connect the pipe from the place of supply to any structure or object.
- (b)
 - (1) A gas company must have the consent of the governing body of the municipal corporation or county before laying any gas pipe in accordance with subsection (a) of this section.
 - (2) The governing body of the municipal corporation or county may adopt reasonable regulations and conditions for the laying of a gas pipe, including regulations requiring the gas company to refill and repave any roadway or other public way under which the pipe is laid.
- (c) A gas company, whether incorporated in Maryland or another state, that is authorized by a governing body of a municipal corporation or county to lay or maintain pipe or other structures in a roadway or other public way or place shall obtain consent from the Commission before using the pipe or other structure to transmit and supply natural gas, artificial gas, or a mixture of natural gas and artificial gas.
- (d) This section does not:
 - (1) extend the duration of a franchise granted by the governing body of a municipal corporation or county; or
 - (2) except as provided in this section, change the terms or conditions of the franchise.

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